

Commodore: Jim Douglass
Vice Commodore: Karl Quade
Secretary: Chuck Fisher

February 2008



COMMODORE'S LOG

Jim Douglass, Commodore

Well, here we are in February already, and during the winter months does it seem like you will ever get warm again? We are looking forward to the summer and the boating activities that come with the sun. We also have to look after the moorage and all the problems that winter has brought us.

Have you looked at our sign lately? It isn't there any more! Mother winter has pushed it over and it is lying down on the ground. I checked, and it really wasn't her fault. The two pile-sized posts were rotted off, and the wind we had finished the job. So that is one more thing to add to the list for the work parties to keep our Club looking good. The Board is also considering how to reinstall the sign so it will be more visible.

We had a stressful January Board meeting and, being my first, I made a lot of mistakes. We received the bid from Bellingham Marine Inc. for the Walk 5 project, and it was quite a bit more than any one expected. Tom Stringfield has spent the better part of his adult life talking to Bellingham Marine and was frustrated with the bid and the increase in our cost. The combined committees of Walk 5, Finance, and Long-Term Planning have met and have come up with the options available to us. The options will be

brought before the membership in February and you will be asked to make the decisions.

I just received an e-mail from Fred Whitfield, and we are done dredging for the year. We filled up the pond three times and we have a small mountain of sand encroaching on our parking lot. Last year we called it Mount Rose.

I wonder how much higher we have to go to need an airplane warning light? Fred and his band of men and women have done a great job again this year.

So now we must get our boats ready to start sailing again. I think the winters are much too long.

See you on the water.

Jim



Welcome new members to RCYC!



Chris Wade and Teri Ogg



Remember when: February 1997 Flood



Secretary's Salutations

Chuck Fisher, Secretary

Please welcome new members Christopher Wade & Teri Ogg, who were sworn in at the January General Meeting. They are the proud owners of a Coronado 25.

As of now, three member invitations to the upcoming February 9th Commodores Ball have been returned, either because the forwarding period has expired or the address is not correct. Please be sure your mailing address and other contact information are current.

Don't forget that current General and Board Meeting minutes can be found on the bulletin board at the back of the Clubhouse. You will also find current Club financial information on the bulletin board.

RCYC Racing Program

At a January 10 meeting, a dozen or so members got together to assess the level of interest in the future of the RCYC racing program. Eric and Kim Rimkus have done an outstanding job of managing our race program for the past three years, and will continue to keep track of the "big picture." However, rather than having one person or couple responsible for both race management and social activities, we divvied up the race day responsibilities to different people. Some volunteers stepped forward to take the lead for management of each race and others offered to head up the social activities. The responsibilities for just one race remain to be assigned: if you're interested in taking the lead for either the race management or social activities at September's Long Distance Race, contact Eric and Kim.

Foghorn Copy Deadline - 18th of the month.

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Thanks Hans for all the years of taking picture for the Club!



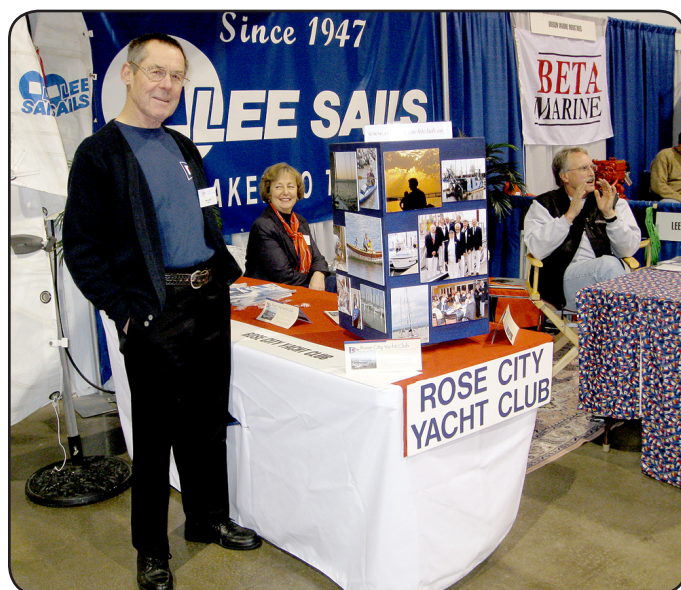
Vice Commodore's Report

Karl Quade, Vice Commodore

Many thanks to Jim Douglass for the initial work on the RCYC 2008 Club Calendar. It is posted on the RCYC website, and the current month and next month will be posted on the board at the back of the Clubhouse. I will try to be prompt in updating it as soon as new reservations are made. The reservation form is also posted on the website, and I will make sure some are available at the Clubhouse.

There is a change to work hour requirements. Work hours must be completed by June 10 for the first half of the year and completed by December 10 for the second half of the year. This change will allow time to report billing information to the bookkeepers, and for them to prepare the next quarter's bills which are mailed before the end of the quarter. Work hours done outside of scheduled work parties need to be coordinated with the Work Party Chair. Contact the Board if you are unable to fulfill your obligation for some reason such as health.

The position of **Work Party Chair** is still vacant, and we are hoping someone will step up to fill it. The position is primarily responsible for scheduling and prioritizing maintenance tasks, and to have chores identified for those people unable to make a scheduled work party. There is a list of periodic maintenance that needs to be done, and Club officers will do a walk through the moorage with you to identify other problems that need attention. **Please consider filling this important Club position. We need your help.**



RCYC - represented at the Portland Boat Show

-Mike and Delphi Godsil



Moorage Matters, *Loren Beach, Moorage Chair*

DINGHY STORAGE AT RCYC

The requirements for labeling and storing dinghies at RCYC have been mentioned regularly in the Foghorn. Since dock space is increasingly at a premium, on January 16 I took an inventory of the small boats on the dinghy docks as noted on the list below. Some members' boats may be stored away from the Club for the winter, but I noted the name label on the dock space where there was one.

The "???" on the list indicates a space with no name label and/or a dinghy with no identification. Some of the older dinghies are believed to be unused or unclaimed for as much as a decade. Newer, active members want to store their boats on these docks, and deserve an opportunity to do so. Anyone owning one of the mystery (??) dinghies should get a weatherproof name label attached to their spot soon, by the end of April at the very latest.

If you are not using your small boat, please take it home soon and stop storing it at the Club. When you do this, please let me know which spot is open. If you no longer want the boat, you still need to identify it and let me know that it is for sale, and then plan on removing it by the end of April.

With the backing of the Board, unidentified ("abandoned") dinghies will be moved up by the west storage building sometime after May 1, and their dock place will be given to an applying member. The Board will then decide on disposition of any unclaimed dinghies.

Since there are no "slip numbers" for dinghies, I have identified the locations, reading from East to West. If I have missed anyone's label, I apologize. Just call or e-mail me and let me know.

Preferred e-mail: Sailaway10@comcast.net

Thank you, Loren

East Dinghy Dock (6 foot wide)

Salituro	Bolster	?? (WalkerBay8)	Pick	??	??(RIB Inflatable)	Hill	Weber	?? (WalkerBay8)	Robertson
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"Newer East Dinghy Dock, at ramp landing (8 ft wide)"

Fischer	??	Foren	Nelson	Stender	Finch	K.Martin
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Old Dinghy Dock by Clubhouse

?? (frp dinghy)	?? (frp dinghy)	Youth dinghy	Youth dinghy	Youth dinghy
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"West Dinghy Dock, Three Level"

Top:	Tabor ?	Tichenor	Eberle	Lovell	?? (frp pram)	?? (frp dink)	Silver
Middle:	Wright	Fallon	Kramer	Gervais	Adams	Beach	Pennington
Bottom:	?? (Livingston)	Moran	?? (frp dink)	Mltchell	?? (frp dink)	Patrick	?? (Livingston)



Dredging News

On January 14 the last of the sand was pumped into the holding pond for the dredging season. The dredgers were very busy this year, removing an estimated 4000 cubic yards of sand from the moorage. The fairways of Walks 3 and 4 were dug to -7 ft. Columbia River Datum (CRD) for the first time in recent memory. Walk 1 saw a couple of humps removed and some slips dredged. Walk 5 fairway was again dredged to -7 CRD. Over 30 of your fellow Club members spent over 70 days crewing the dredge or taking turbidity readings, tallying over 1000 person-hours in the process. A big "Thank You!" to all participants, and thanks to all for your patience in having your boat confined by, or having to step over, pipes.

Several new members and new-to-dredging members volunteered this year. We now have a dredge operator contingent of about 10 members with several years experience. Another 20 members are experienced helpers, or took turbidity readings, or kept the dredge fueled and lubed or helped move dredge pipe, a few boats, and the dredge. Several members who have "day jobs" gave up part of their weekends to work on the dredge crews.

We had no significant breakdowns this year, and removed the sand in record time. It's a great program with so many eager men and women helping out. A big thanks to all. Newcomers are welcome, so for a great time, think about volunteering next fall.

Fred Whitfield, Dredge Chair

Two Federal Tax Deductions Remain For Boaters

When Congress adjourned for 2007, they left in place two federal income tax deductions of potential benefit to boat owners.

A boat is treated like a second home for federal tax purposes if it has a galley, a head, and sleeping berth. Mortgage interest paid on the loan is deductible from your federal income taxes. Taxpayers may use the mortgage interest deduction for one primary home and one second home and must itemize deductions on their returns.

Some boaters may be unaware of this potential tax benefit because not all lending institutions send borrowers an Internal Revenue Service form 1098 which reports the interest paid. Not receiving the form does not preclude taking the deduction. If a 1098 is not available, boaters should contact their lender for the amount of interest paid and should enter it on line 11 on Schedule A along with the lender's tax ID number. If a form 1098 is sent, boaters should simply enter the amount on line 10 of Schedule A.

The other tax benefit is a deduction for state sales taxes. However, this may no longer be available after the 2007 tax year if Congress does not act to extend it. This deduction may be appropriate for boaters who paid substantial sales tax on the purchase of a new or used vessel last year. Boaters must choose either the state sales tax deduction or state income tax deduction on their federal tax return — you cannot take both.

In addition, to take the sales tax deduction, the sales tax on a boat purchase must be applied at the same tax rate as the state's general sales tax. In order to claim the sales tax deduction, tax returns must be itemized. State sales taxes are entered on Schedule A, line 5b.

For those who fall under the Alternative Minimum Tax, most deductions are unavailable as taxes are calculated differently. Boaters are urged to contact a tax preparer or financial advisor for more information.

For more details on the mortgage deduction, go to <http://www.irs.gov> and download Publication 936 or the Fact Sheets. For state tax deduction information download Publication 600, which also includes state-by-state tax tables.

From "BoatUS Newsroom", provided by Alan Berger

YEAR BOOK 2008 UPDATE REQUEST

In an effort to get the yearbook out as early as possible, we are asking for help and cooperation from members.

1. PLEASE REVIEW YOUR LISTING IN THE YEARBOOK. Via email to mikeox@qwest.net please provide corrections and/or changes or advise that your listing is correct as it stands. Members who joined in 2007 will receive a separate email with our proposed 2008 yearbook listing.

2. IF YOU HAVE MOORAGE AT THE CLUB, please update your emergency contact information via e-mail to mikeox@qwest.net. Please provide the name of the contact, relationship to you, and their contact number(s). Please identify whether it is a home, cell, or work number. An emergency contact should be a person who would know how to reach you in the event you are out of the area. If you carry your own cell phone with you at all times, that number may be one of the numbers provided for an emergency contact. However, we would also like a second number in the event you are in an area without cell service or cannot be reached by cell phone. These numbers are only used if there is an emergency at the Club involving your boat.

For those members who are reading this in the Foghorn and do NOT have access to e-mail, please telephone Judy Oxborrow at 503-652-1549 to confirm yearbook listing and emergency contact information.

Your Yearbook Committee

Channel's Edge

207 N. Bridgeton Rd., Portland, OR

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Hours: Weds. thru Sat. 10 to 8 pm
Sun. 10 to 5 pm

Closed Mon. & Tuesday

Channel's Edge Art Gallery, Gift Shop, & Espresso Bar is conveniently located near the west end of Bridgeton Rd. overlooking North Portland harbor, with plenty of parking adjacent to their quaint blue and white building. The cozy interior is colorful and inviting with three gallery rooms filled with nautical themed paintings, prints, sculpture, photography, objects d'art, jewelry, and crafts by local and nationally known artists and crafts people.

The espresso bar also serves teas, soups, sandwiches, beer and wine. Seating is inside with pleasant harbor views or on the deck in summer. It's a great place for sailing/boating friends to meet for a drink or for lunch before heading out on the river. On the last Friday of the month they have live music in the evening and wine tasting events occur at varying times throughout the year. Events will be posted on their website.

Channel's Edge was founded in 2004 by local sailors Kim Swenson and Bob Rouse and has quickly become a favorite of the local boating community. Just after Thanksgiving each year, Kim puts up a huge display of nautical Christmas ornaments made by local artists or imports from around the world. In October, Kim will give a small presentation about Channel's Edge offerings at the RCYC General Meeting and in the first week of December there will be a special shopping night for RCYC members. The date and time will be announced in the November Foghorn.

All you LOVERS of the sailing/boating life may want to visit Channel's Edge in early February for Kim's Valentine Day display. You may find something special for your special someone!

*Gail O'Neill,
Year Book Advertising Committee*

View from the Rear

Marili Green Reilly, Rear Commodore

Have you ever wondered about the items displayed on the RCYC "Awards Wall"? The plaques and burgees displayed on the north wall of the Clubhouse include both perpetual awards and some one-time honors. I've highlighted three of those items below and will talk about the others in a future article.

One of the plaques displayed is a list of First Mates Presidents. The First Mates organization was made up of the wives of members (back before we recognized both spouses as "members") and they took on the responsibility of planning many of the Club activities and events. These were often fund-raisers and included annual parties such as the Shipwreck Dance, a Halloween Party and a New Year's Eve Party. They also put on ladies luncheons and fashion shows, and a wiener roast on the night before the Pirate's Breakfast. Proceeds from their fund-raising events were used to buy the original galley stoves, plates and silverware, and other furnishings for the Clubhouse. Our square tables and the chairs we recently replaced were one of the last purchases made by the First Mates, which disbanded in 1985.

Life Members were originally recognized on a plaque similar to the First Mates' plaque. Can you imagine how many additional pieces would have been needed to recognize all the people on the list we currently display? The current list is truly a "living" document, and we add names to it whenever a member is approved for life membership. Are you qualified to become a life member? Check out the Bylaws at the back of the yearbook. If you are 65 or older and have 20 consecutive years of active membership, contact the Board to request a change to Life Member status.

The Golden Hammer Award was instituted in 1990 and recognizes a member who has made a valuable contribution to the Club's success in the past year, or who has made a sustained contribution in a particular area over a period of years. The selection of the recipient is traditionally made by the outgoing commodore and is kept secret until the award is made at the Commodore's Ball. Although the selection is usually based upon some kind of "physical" work, it can also be awarded for administrative contributions. If you are curious about who will receive it this year, come to the Commodore's Ball!



RCYC Gate Update

The RCYC gate has been fitted with an electronic gate opening device (similar to a garage door opener). When activated by an opener, the device essentially turns the key in the lock allowing the gate to open. This was done to allow trucks to enter the Club more easily by activating the gate opener while waiting to turn across traffic into the Club, thus reducing damage to our gates and eliminating a traffic hazard. It works so well, the Board has decided to make the devices available to Club members if sufficient interest in a purchase exists.

The Board proposes to allow members to purchase up to two devices per membership. Cost will be between \$25 and \$30, depending upon the number of members who wish to purchase such devices. Payment must be made in advance of purchase and delivery of the opener. Each device purchased will be programmed to access our gate. The devices are all numbered and will be tracked similar to the way we track gate keys. A member who resigns has the option of returning the gate opening device to the Club, provided it is in good working condition, and receiving a refund of the purchase price. If a member leaves the Club and does not turn in the gate opening device, the number can be deleted from the controller, making the device inoperable. Thus, security issues have also been addressed.

If you are interested in purchasing an opener, please notify Judy Oxborrow at 503-652-1549 or via e-mail at mikeox@qwest.net. Please advise whether you wish to purchase one or two devices. Deadline for a response is February 10. If sufficient interest exists, information about advance payment and expected delivery of openers will be forthcoming.

Judy Oxborrow

2008 Vessel Safety Checks

Questions regarding 2008 Vessel Safety Checks came up at the RCYC January General Meeting. In response, Lynn Easton has suggested a website to use to assist you in examining your own boat.

Check out the website: http://safetyseal.net/what_is_vsc.asp.

The "Online Vessel Safety Check" is a fun, interactive program that lets you find out if your boat or personal watercraft would pass a Vessel Safety Check, and is easy and convenient to use.

Lynn has suggested that when you are ready for the safety check, drop him an email or call him and he will set a time and date to get it done.

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Commodore's Ball 2004

February 9th --

RCYC Commodore's Ball at Riverside Country Club, festivities start at 6:00 pm

Commodore's Ball 2005



RCYC UPCOMING Events, Meetings, and Functions:

February 2008

- 02/05 OWSA Basic Sailing Class, 5:00-9:00 pm
- 02/09 RCYC Commodore's Ball at Riverside Country Club, 6:00 pm**
- 02/11 RCYC Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 02/12 OWSA Basic Sailing Class, 5:00-9:00 pm
- 02/13 OWSA General Meeting, 6:00-9:00 pm
- 02/16 SYSCO Membership Drive, 6:00-9:00 pm
- 02/19 OWSA Basic Sailing Class, 5:00-9:00 pm
- 02/20 RCYC General Meeting, 7:30 pm**
- 02/23 Private Party, Noon
- 02/26 OWSA Basic Sailing Class, 5:00-9:00 pm

March 2008

- 3/04 OWSA Basic Sailing Class, 5:00-9:00 pm
- 3/10 RCYC Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 3/11 OWSA Basic Sailing Class, 5:00-9:00 pm
- 3/12 OCSA Race Management Clinic
- 3/15 RCYC St. Patties Day Party, 5:30/6:30 pm
- 3/18 OWSA Basic Sailing Class, 5:00-9:00 pm
- 3/19 RCYC General Meeting, 7:30 pm**
- 3/27 SYSCO Race Clinic, 6:00-9:00 pm
- 3/29 RCYC Frostbite Regatta

Need Club House Reservations?

Contact our Vice Commodore, Karl Quade.

- Check the web site for updated Club dates and more information about RCYC.
Also view and/or download your Foghorn from the RCYC web site.
www.rosecityyachtclub.org



Commodore's Ball 2004



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